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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicants: Akira FUKUSHIMA

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For: IRIS CONTROL METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR TELEVISION  
CAMERA FOR CONTROLLING IRIS OF LINES ACCORDING TO  
VIDEO SIGNAL, AND TELEVISION CAMERA USING THE SAME

Group: 2615

Examiner: H. Lam

**AMENDMENT**

**MS Amendment**

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

April 28, 2005

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated December 28, 2004, please amend the  
above-identified application as follows.

**Amendments to the Claims**

Remarks are included following the amendments.

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The Examiner's cooperation is respectfully requested to contact Applicants' Attorney by telephone should any further indefinite matter be discovered so that appropriate amendments may be made.

Applicants acknowledge the Examiner's indication in paragraph 8 of the Office Action that claims 5, 8 and 13 would be allowable if rewritten or amended to overcome the rejection under 35 USC §112, second paragraph. As indicated above, claim 8 was canceled. However, claims 5 and 13 were amended to overcome the rejection under 35 USC §112, second paragraph. Therefore, claims 5 and 13 are allowable as indicated by the Examiner.

Applicants also acknowledge the Examiner's indication in paragraph 9 of the Office Action that claims 1-4, 6, 7 and 9-12 are allowed.

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, applicants submit that claims 1-7 and 9-13 are in condition for allowance. Accordingly, early allowance of claims 1-7 and 9-13 is respectfully requested.

To the extent necessary, the applicants petition for an extension of time under 37 CFR 1.136. Please charge any shortage in fees due in connection with the filing of this paper, including extension of time fees, or credit any overpayment of fees, to the deposit account of MATTINGLY, STANGER, MALUR & BRUNDIDGE, P.C., Deposit Account No. 50-1417 (500.40882X00).

Respectfully submitted,

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